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TO AMCONSUL LUANDA

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: ANGOLA PEACE MAKING MISSION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY
THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

1. LARRY HENDERSON, AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY WITH CONSIDERA-

BLE ANGOLAN EXPERIENCE DURING THE 1960'S, VISITED THE
DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS US POLICY IN ANGOLA. HE SAID HE
WOULD BE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THREE DELEGATIONS TO BE
DISPATCHED IN MID-OCTOBER BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
TO CONSULT WITH THE LEADERS OF THE THREE ANGOLAN FACTIONS.
THE WCC PLANS TO USE THE POLITICAL CAPITAL IT FEELS IT
AMASSED BY ITS SUPPORT OF THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
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DURING THEIR LONG WAR WITH THE PORTUGUESE TO INDUCE THE

MOVEMENTS TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND AGREE UPON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. HENDERSON WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC OVER THEIR CHANCES FOR SUCCESS BUT FELT THE EFFORT MUST BE MADE.

2. HENDERSON AND HIS GROUP WILL BE TRAVELING VIA NAIROBI AND LUSAKA TO THE UNITA AREA OF ANGOLA. ANOTHER GROUP WILL GO VIA KINSHASA TO CARMONA AND A THIRD FROM LISBOA TO LUANDA.

3. A DEPARTMENT OFFICER INFORMED HENDERSON THAT HOWEVER MUCH WE MIGHT SYMPATHIZE WITH PURPOSES OF PROPOSED TRIP, UNCERTAIN SECURITY SITUATION OBLIGED US TO ADVISE HIM STRONGLY NOT RPT NOT TO UNDERTAKE TRAVEL INTO ANGOLA INTERIOR AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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